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SUBJECT: COLLECTORS' STAMPS HONORING SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. JOHAN ENSCHEDE AND SONS, DUTCH PRINTING COMPANY THAT PRINTS NETHERLANDS CURRENCY AND POSTAL STAMPS AS WELL AS POSTAL STAMPS FOR SOME EIGHTY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAS ASKED EMBASSY ADVICE ON USG REGULATIONS RE THEIR PRINTING AND SELLING SPECIAL COLLECTORS' BLOCKS OF FOUR OF "NON-POSTAL" COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FEATURING SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. AS PROPOSED, SHEET WOULD CONSIST OF SET OF FOUR DIFFERENT STAMPS, EACH WITH HEAD OF KISSINGER, BUT BACKGROUND OF EACH STAMP WOULD BE DIFFERENT. ON ARTISTS' RENDITION SHOWN EMBOFFS ONE STAMP HAS MAP SHOWING MOSCOW AND PEKING, SECOND HAS MAP SHOWING STOCKHOLM AND BEHIND SECRETARY SCROLL WITH WORDS "NOBEL PRIZE", THIRD HAS MAP OF MIDDLE EAST, FORTH HAS MAP OF VIETNAM. ON EACH STAMP WOULD BE A DOLLAR SIGN FOLLOWED BY AMOUNTS RANGING FROM FIFTY CENTS TO DOLS 2.50, AND ALONG BOTTOM EDGE OF EACH STAMP WORDS "NOT FOR POSTAL PURPOSES". SET OF FOUR IS CENTERED IN PAGE AT TOP OF WHICH IS AMERICAN FLAG AND WORDS "OF WHOM AMERICA CAN BE PROUD". TO RIGHT OF STAMPS IS SEAL OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE. BELOW STAMPS IN LARGE LETTERS ARE WORDS "DR. HENRY ALFRED KISSINGER" AND BENEATH THAT WORDS "ARCHITECT OF WORLDWIDE PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING".

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3. REPRESENTATIVE OF ENSCHEDE SHOWED EMBOFFS SAMPLES OF
OTHER SPECIAL NON-POSTAL COLLECTORS' BLOCKS OF FOUR WHICH
COMPANY HAS ISSUED. ALL WERE ATTRACTIVE AND TASTEFULLY
DONE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASCERTAINING AND
ADVISING SOONEST WHETHER USG REGULATIONS WOULD PROHIBIT
EITHER ISSUANCE OR SALE OF SUCH COLLECTORS' SETS IN
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